

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 72

January 21, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Correction (DOC) to certify certain chronically debilitated or incapacitated inmates eligible for parole. Clarifies the conditions for which an inmate is authorized to be granted a medical furlough.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation authorizes the Commissioner of DOC to certify inmates as eligible for parole if they meet the following requirements:
 - At least 70 years of age;
 - Served a minimum of five years in custody;
 - Not serving a sentence for a violent sexual offense or a sentence of imprisonment for life without possibility of parole; and
 - Has two sworn statements from physicians, at least one of whom is the DOC Director of Medical Services, certifying that the condition of the inmate is chronic, incurable, and will likely result in the inmate's death.
- Based on information provided by DOC, over the last three years, the proposed legislation would have made an average of four inmates eligible for parole consideration each year.
- Any fiscal impact resulting from granting parole or furlough to eligible chronically debilitated or incapacitated inmates is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic".

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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